

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: January 22, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY, 11-22-63
DALLAS, TEXAS

Mr. J. Lee Rankin advised that he was aware of the information that had been set forth in Bureau reports relative to correspondence had by Lee Harvey Oswald with the Communist Party, USA, the Socialist Workers Party and the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. Mr. Rankin stated that even though considerable information had been developed through the Bureau's sources and through interviews conducted by the Bureau he desired that each of these organizations be contacted officially by the Bureau at the request of the President's Commission and that each group be requested to make available copies of all correspondence, and any other material that they might have available relative to Oswald.

Mr. Rankin was advised that his request would be complied with and results furnished to him as soon as possible. Appropriate instructions have been issued to the field to have this request handled immediately.

During the conversation with Mr. Rankin, he mentioned that the Commission had met on the afternoon of January 21, 1964, and that the members of the Commission had quite a number of questions and were desirous of seeing a great deal of material. At this point, Mr. Rankin was asked if there was anything that the Bureau might do to render assistance in answering any questions that had been raised by the Commissioners. Mr. Rankin replied that he could not reveal what went on at the Commissioners' meeting.

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can render assistance
if we can't be told what
they want.*

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Mr. Bishop _____
Mr. Casper _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Conrad _____
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He did state that there would be some correspondence as a result of the Commissioners' meeting and this would be sent forward as soon as possible to prepare the same. He volunteered no information as to whether or not the communications would be directed to the Bureau or elsewhere.

Mr. Rankin advised that the members of the Commission were aware of the large volume of work that had been handled by the Bureau and that he personally desired to express his appreciation for the help given by the Bureau.

The foregoing is submitted for information.

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